

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 949

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Inman Fowler, Sr.,
of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of David Inman Fowler, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Fayette County on October 7, 1927, David Fowler was the son of
Frederick Thomas Fowler and Willie Pearl Inman Fowler; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of the Fayette County High School Class of 1945 and
attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and Union University in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler bravely served his country in the United States Army and was
stationed in Germany during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1951, he was joined in marriage with Irma Wright Fowler;
in 1968, he founded Fowler Paving Company in Somerville and earned the respect of his
clients, colleagues, and community for his dedication and the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, he was an active and devout member of First United
Methodist Church in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler enjoyed fishing, hunting, old cars, driving, and animals; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain
true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler will be lovingly remembered by his wife of sixty-eight years,
Irma Wright Fowler; his children, Lee Ann Cerra, David Inman Fowler, Jr., and Andrew

Frederick Fowler; his grandchildren, Michael Fowler, Drew Cerra, Jordan Cerra, Allison Fowler, Avery Fowler, and Cannon Fowler; and great-grandchildren, Mallory Fowler, Molly Fowler, Lio Duggan, and Miller Fowler; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Zeni Jane Fowler; his brother, William Thomas "Tommy" Fowler; and a grandson, John Bradley Fowler; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David Inman Fowler, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Fowler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.